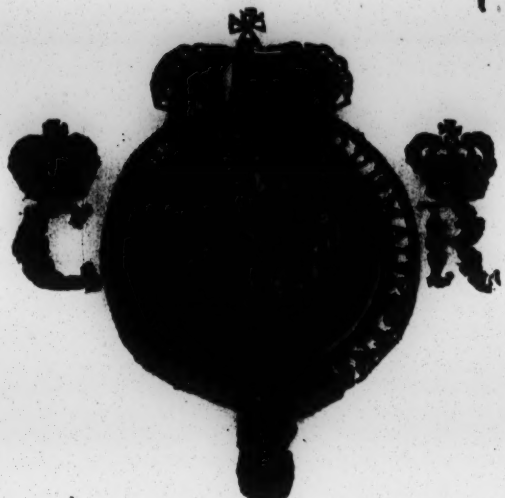


148
11467



A PROCLAMATION

Against the importation of Victuall.

CH A R L E S, by the Grace of G O D, King of Great Brittain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith; to Our Lovits, Macers, or Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, greeting: Forasmuch, as upon representation to Our Privy Council, of the great scarcity and dearth of Victuall in some Western Shires of this Kingdom; They did, by their Act, of the second of December last, Grant licence for Importing Oats, Oat-meal, and Pease, to the Shires of VVigtoun, Air, Renfrew, and Stewartrie of Kircudburgh, for supplying the necessity of these places until further order: And seeing now, by reason of great quantities of Victuall imported since the said licence was granted, the Rates and Pryces of Victuall in this Kingdom are much fallen, and that the continuation of the said licence any longer, would prove very prejudicial to Our Subjects of this Kingdom; We have thought fit, with advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, to discharge and take off the foresaid Licence, and to renew Our former Proclamation against importing of Victuall, of the date the fourth of May, 1671. Likeas, We, with advice foresaid, do hereby restrain and discharge the importation of Victuall of any kind into this Kingdom after the eleventh day of March next, under the pains following, viz. For such Victuall as shall be imported from Ireland, under the pains contained in the third Act of the third Session of Our second Parliament, and for any Victuall imported from other forraign places, under the pains contained in Our said former Proclamation, which shall be inflicted upon the contraveeners with all rigour.

And ordains this presents to be Printed, and Published at the Mercat-Crosses of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Air, and other places needful, that none may pretend ignorance. Given under Our signet at Edinburgh, the twenty fourth day of February, 1676. and of Our Reign the twenty eight year.

Al. Gibson Cl. Sti. Concilii.

God save the King.

Edinburgh, Printed by Andrew Anderson, Printer to His most Sacred Majesty. Anno. 1676.